

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON REFUSE AND RECYCLING GUIDELINES

RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION

Refuse and Recycling generated by all one and two family residences shall be placed in securely wrapped, disposable containers between the curb and sidewalk no sooner than 5:00 p.m. of the day before collection. Collection shall occur between 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Refuse collection will not be made the following holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day. This will delay all collections that day and each subsequent route by one day.

Items which will be collected include the following:

1. Residential Solid Waste, bagged, (White or Dark Bags; 6 bags per residence; 50 lbs. per bag weight limit; no garbage containers).
2. Small appliances (toasters, radios, televisions, etc).
3. Small furniture (3' x 5' or smaller).
4. Small amounts of earth, sod, stone, rubble, demolition waste, and lumber, placed in containers, plastic bags, or bundles not to exceed thirty-two gallons in volume, five (5) feet in length, or fifty (50) pounds in weight.
5. Small auto parts, placed in containers, plastic bags, or bundles not exceeding thirty-two (32) gallons in volume, five (5) feet in length, or fifty (50) pounds in weight.
6. Rugs, carpeting, vinyl flooring, rolled and tied in bundles not exceeding five (5) feet in length, or fifty (50) pounds in weight.
7. Christmas trees and/or wreaths
8. Root balls/stumps weighing less than 50 pounds (limit one stump, or 50 pounds total if more than one).

Items which will not be collected include the following:

1. Hazardous Waste as defined by State Statutes.
2. Brush, yard waste, grass clippings, leaves, etc.
3. Pieces of furniture or appliances larger than 3' x 5' (such as hot water tanks, refrigerators, etc.), or any item requiring capture of refrigerants prior to disposals.

Items which will be collected by the private hauler AT A PREPAID FEE include the following:

Large furniture or appliances (such as washers, dryers, hot water tanks, refrigerators, mattress, etc.) for Eligible building occupants will be collected upon request. Such service shall be provided within three (3) workdays of the request. Contractor shall directly bill the residential unit or eligible building occupants for such services. Call Onyx Waste Services at 1-800-387-0949 to arrange for collection. Note: if the quantity of material is significant, the rental of a dumpster is very economical.

RECYCLING

Preparation & Procedures

1. COMINGLED:

The following items shall be mixed together and placed in **BLUE or CLEAR** recycling bags for collection. Approved bags can be purchased at local stores.

- A. **YES - Glass bottles and jars**: Rinse clean and remove lids.
NO windows, mirrors, drinking glasses, plates, dishes and light bulbs.
- B. **YES - Plastic (types 1 and 2 only)**: Rinse clean.
NO plastic lids or contaminated plastic oil bottles, medicine bottles, pesticides containers, etc.
- C. **YES - Aluminum cans**: Rinse clean and compact.
NO aluminum foil, bottle caps or pie tins.
- D. **YES - Steel or Tin Cans**: Rinse clean.
NO aerosol cans, paint cans, or cardboard sided juice containers.

2. NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES AND OTHER CLEAN PAPER PRODUCTS:

Place in a paper grocery bag or tie in bundles not more than 8" high.

3. CORRUGATED CARDBOARD BOXES:

Flatten boxes and tie in bundles not larger than 3' X 3'.

WHITE GOODS/APPLIANCES

White Goods, meaning refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, etc. can be disposed of by calling Port Recycling at 284-4060, Waste Management at 1-800-640-5571 or Onyx Waste Services at 1-800-387-0949. Pick-up can be arranged for a fee. Appliances containing Freon must have the Freon removed by a licensed Freon recycler, and can also be collected by these contractors.

GRASS CLIPPINGS LEAVES AND GARDEN WASTES

Grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste can be composted in your yard (the preferred method) or brought to the Street Dept. yard located at 333 North Moore Road for proper disposal. Yard hours are from **3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturdays** except on holidays starting April 1st through November 30th. The Street Dept. yard will be closed from December through March. These items cannot be disposed of with normal household refuse, and will not be picked up by the private contractor.

The only exception is that leaves can be raked into the gutter in **October and November** for the City Crew to collect. **Do not rake leaves, grass clippings, or any other debris into the gutter at any other time of the year.**

BRUSH COLLECTION (by City Crews)

Brush will be collected at the curbside and therefore can no longer be brought to the street department yard. Collection will be on a weekly basis (no special requests are necessary) from May through October. All brush shall be placed at the curb or adjacent to the sidewalk in accordance with the following:

1. All brush shall be less than 10" in diameter with all branches exceeding 1" in diameter removed from the main limb.
2. Brush shall be left in the longest manageable length but not greater than 12'.
3. Brush shall be neatly stacked, with all butt ends in the same direction in a manner to make it easily collected and shall be directly accessible from the street, alley or sidewalk. City Employees will not go on to private property to collect brush.
4. Special collection fees may be imposed for collections exceeding 20 minutes.

COMMERCIAL REFUSE COLLECTION

The City shall provide the owners and occupants of each commercial, retail, industrial, governmental and institutional facility within the City not more than one (1) two (2) cubic yard dumpster provided that the owners and occupants thereof comply with the terms and conditions set forth in Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code and any refuse collection regulations made by the Director of Public Works.

1. Items placed in the dumpster shall meet the same criteria as residential curbside collection and shall not be mixed with recyclable items.
2. Dumpsters must be accessible at all times during the scheduled collection day. Please remove snow promptly and do not park cars near dumpster.

Dumpsters which are not accessible or blocked from collection by parked cars on the scheduled day of collection will not be picked up until the following week. If this problem occurs regularly the site will be removed from the collection schedule and will have to contract and pay for a private collection service.